

## CLAIMS

1. A recording method, comprising the steps of:

5        (a) generating a plurality of pulse sequences corresponding to a plurality of linear velocities;

10      (b) while rotating a recording medium with a linear velocity selected from the plurality of linear velocities, forming at least one of a recording mark and a space by irradiating the recording medium with a pulse sequence selected from the plurality of pulse sequences, the pulse sequence corresponding to the linear velocity,

wherein the step (a) comprises the steps of:

15      (a-1) measuring at least one first recording parameter corresponding to at least one linear velocity selected from the plurality of linear velocities;

20      (a-2) determining a second recording parameter corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities based on the at least one first recording parameter measured; and

25      (a-3) generating the plurality of pulse sequences corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities based on the second recording parameter measured.

2. A recording method according to claim 1, wherein the step (a-1) comprises the step of:

30      measuring the at least one first recording parameter by performing recording parameter learning for learning a recording parameter corresponding to a pulse sequence, wherein the pulse sequence is used for forming a desired recording mark onto the recording medium.

3. A recording method according to claim 2, wherein:

each of the plurality of pulse sequences comprises

a starting pulse and a terminating pulse, the starting pulse being provided at a beginning thereof and the terminating pulse being provided at the end thereof;

5 the starting pulse is used for forming a starting portion of the recording mark;

the terminating pulse is used for forming a terminating portion of the recording mark;

10 the second recording parameter indicates a recording power level of each of the plurality of pulse sequences, a recording power level coefficient for determining a recording power level of each of the plurality of pulse sequences, a position of the starting pulse of each of the plurality of pulse sequences, and a position of the terminating pulse of each of the plurality of pulse sequences.

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4. A recording method according to claim 1, wherein:

20 the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  $v_a$ , which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity  $v_b$ , which is a highest linear velocity; and

the at least one linear velocity is the first linear velocity  $v_a$ .

5. A recording method according to claim 1, wherein:

25 the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  $v_a$ , which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity  $v_b$ , which is a highest linear velocity; and

30 the at least one linear velocity is the second linear velocity  $v_b$ .

6. A recording method according to claim 1, wherein:

the plurality of linear velocities are linear

velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  $v_a$ , which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity  $v_b$ , which is a highest linear velocity; and  
the at least one linear velocity is  $(v_a+v_b)/2$ .

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7. A recording method according to claim 1, wherein:

the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  $v_a$ , which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity  $v_b$ , which is a highest linear velocity;

the at least one linear velocity is a linear velocity  $v_1$  and a linear velocity  $v_2$ ; and

the first linear velocity  $v_a$ , the second linear velocity  $v_b$ , the linear velocity  $v_1$ , and the linear velocity  $v_2$  have a relationship  $v_a \leq v_1 < v_2 \leq v_b$ .

8. A recording method according to claim 1, wherein:

the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  $v_a$ , which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity  $v_b$ , which is a highest linear velocity; and

the at least one linear velocity is a first linear velocity  $v_a$  and a second linear velocity  $v_b$ .

25 9. A recording method according to claim 1, wherein:

the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  $v_a$ , which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity  $v_b$ , which is a highest linear velocity;

the at least one linear velocity is a linear velocity  $v_1$ , a linear velocity  $v_2$ , and a linear velocity  $v_3$ ; and

the first linear velocity  $v_a$ , the second linear velocity  $v_b$ , the linear velocity  $v_1$ , the linear velocity

v<sub>2</sub>, and the linear velocity v<sub>3</sub> have a relationship  
v<sub>a</sub>≤v<sub>1</sub><v<sub>2</sub><v<sub>3</sub>≤v<sub>b</sub>.

10. A recording method according to claim 1, wherein:

5           the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity v<sub>a</sub>, which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity v<sub>b</sub>, which is a highest linear velocity;

10          the at least one linear velocity is a first linear velocity v<sub>a</sub>, a second linear velocity v<sub>b</sub>, and a third linear velocity v<sub>c</sub>; and

15          the first linear velocity v<sub>a</sub>, the second linear velocity v<sub>b</sub>, and the third linear velocity v<sub>c</sub> have a relationship v<sub>c</sub>=(v<sub>a</sub>+v<sub>b</sub>)/2.

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11. A recording method according to claim 1, wherein the step (a-2) comprises the steps of:

20          determining a fourth recording parameter corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities based on at least one third recording parameter recorded on the recording medium; and

25          determining the second parameter based on the at least one first recording parameter measured and the fourth recording parameter.

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12. A recording method according to claim 11, wherein the first recording parameter, the second recording parameter, the third recording parameter, and the fourth recording parameter have a relationship represented by:

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g(v)=f(v)+PMv<sub>1</sub>-f(v<sub>1</sub>)+Adj(v),

where:

v represents the plurality of linear velocities;  
v1 represents a linear velocity corresponding to one  
of the at least one third recording parameter;  
g(v) represents the second recording parameter  
5 corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities;  
f(v) represents the fourth recording parameter  
corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities;  
PMv1 represents the first recording parameter; and  
Adj(v) represents an adjustment value corresponding  
10 to the plurality of linear velocities.

13. A recording method according to claim 12, wherein:  
the plurality of linear velocities are linear  
velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  
15 va, which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear  
velocity vb, which is a highest linear velocity;  
the at least one third recording parameter is a  
recording parameter corresponding to a linear velocity v1  
of the plurality of linear velocities and a recording  
20 parameter corresponding to a linear velocity v2 of the  
plurality of linear velocities; and  
the first linear velocity va, the second linear  
velocity vb, the linear velocity v1, and the linear velocity  
25 v2 have a relationship  $va \leq v1 < v2 \leq vb$ .

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14. A recording method according to claim 12, wherein:  
the plurality of linear velocities are linear  
velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  
30 va, which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear  
velocity vb, which is a highest linear velocity; and  
the at least one third recording parameter is a  
recording parameter corresponding to the first linear  
velocity va and a recording parameter corresponding to the

second linear velocity vb.

15. A recording method according to claim 12, wherein:

the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity va, which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity vb, which is a highest linear velocity;

the at least one third recording parameter is a recording parameter corresponding to a linear velocity v1 of the plurality of linear velocities, a recording parameter corresponding to a linear velocity v2 of the plurality of linear velocities, and a recording parameter corresponding to a linear velocity v3 of the plurality of linear velocities; and

the first linear velocity va, the second linear velocity vb, the linear velocity v1, the linear velocity v2, and the linear velocity v3 have a relationship  $va \leq v1 < v2 < v3 \leq vb$ .

20 16. A recording method according to claim 12, wherein:

the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity va, which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity vb, which is a highest linear velocity;

the at least one third recording parameter is a recording parameter corresponding to the first linear velocity va, a recording parameter corresponding to the second linear velocity vb, and a recording parameter corresponding to a linear velocity vc of the plurality of linear velocities; and

the first linear velocity va, the second linear velocity vb, and the third linear velocity vc have a relationship  $vc = (va + vb) / 2$ .

17. A recording method according to claim 12, wherein  $f(v)$  is a linear function or a quadratic function.

5       18. A recording method according to claim 12, wherein:  
            the plurality of linear velocities are linear  
            velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  
             $v_a$ , which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear  
            velocity  $v_b$ , which is a highest linear velocity;  
10       the at least one third recording parameter is a  
            recording parameter  $PCv_1$  corresponding to a linear velocity  
             $v_1$  of the plurality of linear velocities and a recording  
            parameter  $PCv_2$  corresponding to a linear velocity  $v_2$  of the  
            plurality of linear velocities; and  
15       the following relationship is satisfied:

$v_a \leq v_1 < v_2 \leq v_b$ ,  
 $f(v) = \alpha \cdot (v - v_1) + PCv_1$ , and  
 $\alpha = (PCv_2 - PCv_1) / (v_2 - v_1)$ .

20       19. A recording method according to claim 12, where the at  
            least one third recording parameter is selected based on  
            an identification code recorded on the recording medium.  
25       20. A recording method according to claim 1, wherein:  
            the at least one linear velocity of the plurality  
            of linear velocities is at least one linear velocity  
            corresponding to at least one third recording parameter;  
            and  
30       the step (a-2) comprises the step of determining a  
            second recording parameter  $h(v)$  corresponding to the  
            plurality of linear velocities  $v$  based on the at least one  
            first recording parameter measured.

21. A recording method according to claim 20, wherein:

the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity va, which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity vb, which is a highest linear velocity;

at least one linear velocity of the plurality of linear velocities is a linear velocity v1 and a linear velocity v2; and

10 the first linear velocity va, the second linear velocity vb, the linear velocity v1, and the linear velocity v2 have a relationship  $v_a \leq v_1 < v_2 \leq v_b$ .

22. A recording method according to claim 20, wherein:

15 the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity va, which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity vb, which is a highest linear velocity; and

20 at least one linear velocity of the plurality of linear velocities is the first linear velocity va and the second linear velocity vb.

23. A recording method according to claim 20, wherein:

25 the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity va, which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity vb, which is a highest linear velocity;

30 at least one linear velocity of the plurality of linear velocities is a linear velocity v1, a linear velocity v2, and a linear velocity v3; and

the first linear velocity va, the second linear velocity vb, the linear velocity v1, the linear velocity v2, and the linear velocity v3 have a relationship

$v_a \leq v_1 < v_2 < v_3 \leq v_b$ .

24. A recording method according to claim 20, wherein:

the plurality of linear velocities are linear  
5      velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  
va, which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear  
velocity vb, which is a highest linear velocity;

10     at least one linear velocity of the plurality of  
linear velocities is the first linear velocity va, the second  
linear velocity vb, and the linear velocity vc; and

the first linear velocity va, the second linear  
velocity vb, and the third linear velocity vc have a  
relationship  $vc = (va + vb) / 2$ .

15     25. A recording method according to claim 20, wherein  $h(v)$   
is a linear function or a quadratic function.

26. A recording method according to claim 20, wherein:

the plurality of linear velocities are linear  
20    velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  
va, which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear  
velocity vb, which is a highest linear velocity;

25    the at least one first recording parameter is a  
recording parameter PMv1 corresponding to a linear velocity  
v1 of the plurality of linear velocities and a recording  
parameter PMv2 corresponding a linear velocity v2 of the  
plurality of linear velocities; and

the following relationship is satisfied:

30     $v_a \leq v_1 < v_2 \leq v_b$ ,

$h(v) = \beta \cdot (v - v_a) + PMv1$ , and

$\beta = (PMv2 - PMv1) / (v_2 - v_1)$ .

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27. A recording method according to claim 20, wherein the at least one third recording parameter is selected based on an identification code recorded on the recording medium.

5       28. A recording method according to claim 3, wherein:  
            the recording power level coefficient is at least one of a coefficient for determining an erase power level of an erase pulse forming the space based on a peak power level of a peak pulse contained in a pulse sequence, and  
10       a coefficient for determining a bias power level of a bias pulse forming the recording mark based on the peak power level of the peak pulse contained in the pulse sequence;  
            and  
            the bias power level is between the peak power level  
15       and the erase power level.

29. A recording method according to claim 12, wherein:  
            each of the plurality of pulse sequences comprises a starting pulse and a terminating pulse, the starting pulse being provided at a beginning thereof and the terminating pulse being provided at the end thereof;  
            the recording mark is a shortest recording mark;  
            the starting pulse and the terminating pulse are pulses forming the shortest recording mark; and  
25       Adj(v) is determined based on a position of at least one of the starting pulse and the terminating pulse.

30. A recording medium for recording information, wherein:  
            at least one of a recording mark and a space is formed  
30       on the recording medium by, while rotating the recording medium with a linear velocity selected from the plurality of linear velocities, irradiating the recording medium with a pulse sequence selected from the plurality of pulse

sequences, the pulse sequence corresponding to the linear velocity;

the plurality of pulse sequences correspond to the plurality of linear velocities;

5 at least one first recording parameter corresponding to at least one linear velocity of the plurality of linear velocities is measured;

10 a fourth recording parameter corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities is determined based on at least one third recording parameter recorded on the recording medium;

15 a second parameter is determined based on the at least one first recording parameter measured and the fourth recording parameter;

the plurality of pulse sequences corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities are generated based on the determined second recording parameter;

the recording medium has a region, in which the third recording parameter is recorded;

20 the first recording parameter, the second recording parameter, the third recording parameter, and the fourth recording parameter have a relationship represented by:

$$g(v) = f(v) + PMv_1 - f(v_1) + Adj(v)$$

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where:

v represents the plurality of linear velocities;

v<sub>1</sub> represents a linear velocity corresponding to one of the at least one third recording parameter;

30 g(v) represents the second recording parameter corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities;

f(v) represents the fourth recording parameter corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities;

PMv1 represents the first recording parameter; and Adj(v) represents an adjustment value corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities.

5       31. A recording medium for recording information, wherein:  
          at least one of a recording mark and a space is formed  
on the recording medium by, while rotating the recording  
medium with a linear velocity selected from the plurality  
of linear velocities, irradiating the recording medium with  
10      a pulse sequence selected from the plurality of pulse  
sequences, the pulse sequence corresponding to the linear  
velocity;  
          the plurality of pulse sequences correspond to the  
plurality of linear velocities;  
15      at least one first recording parameter corresponding  
to at least one linear velocity of the plurality of linear  
velocities is measured;  
          at least one linear velocity of the plurality of  
linear velocities is at least one linear velocity  
20      corresponding to at least one third recording parameter  
recorded on the recording medium;  
          a second recording parameter corresponding to the  
plurality of linear velocities is determined based on the  
at least one first recording parameter measured;  
25      the plurality of pulse sequences corresponding to  
the plurality of linear velocities are generated based on  
the second recording parameter measured; and  
          the recording medium has a region, in which the third  
recording parameter is recorded.  
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32. A recording medium according to claim 30, wherein the  
recording medium has a region, in which an identification  
code for selecting the at least one third recording parameter

is recorded.

33. A recording medium according to claim 31, wherein the recording medium has a region, in which an identification code for selecting the at least one third recording parameter is recorded.

34. A recording apparatus, comprising:

means for generating a plurality of pulse sequences corresponding to a plurality of linear velocities;

means for, while rotating a recording medium with a linear velocity selected from the plurality of linear velocities, forming at least one of a recording mark and a space by irradiating the recording medium with a pulse sequence selected from the plurality of pulse sequences, the pulse sequence corresponding to the linear velocity,

wherein the forming means comprises:

means for measuring at least one first recording parameter corresponding to at least one linear velocity selected from the plurality of linear velocities;

means for determining a second recording parameter corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities based on the at least one first recording parameter measured; and

means for generating the plurality of pulse sequences corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities based on the second recording parameter measured.

35. A recording apparatus according to claim 34, wherein:

the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity va, which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity vb, which is a highest linear velocity; and

the at least one linear velocity is a first linear velocity  $v_a$  and a second linear velocity  $v_b$ .

36. A recording apparatus according to claim 34, wherein:

5       at least one linear velocity of the plurality of linear velocities is at least one linear velocity corresponding to at least one third recording parameter recorded on the recording medium;

10      the second recording parameter determining means determines a second recording parameter  $h(v)$  corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities  $v$  based on the at least one first recording parameter measured;

15      the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  $v_a$ , which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity  $v_b$ , which is a highest linear velocity;

20      at least one linear velocity of the plurality of linear velocities corresponding to the at least one third recording parameter is a linear velocity  $v_1$  and a linear velocity  $v_2$ ; and

          the first linear velocity  $v_a$ , the second linear velocity  $v_b$ , the linear velocity  $v_1$ , and the linear velocity  $v_2$  have a relationship  $v_a \leq v_1 < v_2 \leq v_b$ .

25      37. A recording apparatus according to claim 34, wherein:

          at least one linear velocity of the plurality of linear velocities is at least one linear velocity corresponding to at least one third recording parameter recorded on the recording medium;

30      the second recording parameter determining means determines a second recording parameter  $h(v)$  corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities  $v$  based on the at least one first recording parameter measured;

the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  $v_a$ , which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity  $v_b$ , which is a highest linear velocity; and

5 the at least one linear velocity corresponding to the at least one third recording parameter is the first linear velocity  $v_a$  and the second linear velocity  $v_b$ .

38. A recording apparatus according to claim 34, wherein:

10 at least one linear velocity of the plurality of linear velocities is at least one linear velocity corresponding to at least one third recording parameter recorded on the recording medium;

15 the second recording parameter determining means determines a second recording parameter  $h(v)$  corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities  $v$  based on the at least one first recording parameter measured; and

$h(v)$  is a linear function or a quadratic function.

20 39. A recording apparatus according to claim 34, wherein:

at least one linear velocity of the plurality of linear velocities is at least one linear velocity corresponding to at least one third recording parameter recorded on the recording medium;

25 the second recording parameter determining means determines a second recording parameter  $h(v)$  corresponding to the plurality of linear velocities  $v$  based on the at least one first recording parameter measured;

30 the plurality of linear velocities are linear velocities continuously ranging from a first linear velocity  $v_a$ , which is a lowest linear velocity, to a second linear velocity  $v_b$ , which is a highest linear velocity;

the at least one first recording parameter is a

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recording parameter PMv1 corresponding to a linear velocity v1 of the plurality of linear velocities and a recording parameter PMv2 corresponding to a linear velocity v2 of the plurality of linear velocities; and

5 the following relationship is satisfied:

$$\begin{aligned}va &\leq v1 < v2 \leq vb, \\h(v) &= \beta \cdot (v - va) + PMv1, \text{ and} \\\beta &= (PMv2 - PMv1) / (v2 - v1).\end{aligned}$$